

Remarks

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2005. Therefore a response is due on or before November 4, 2005.

The Examiner has objected to claims 21, 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. While Applicant reserves the right to amend the specification to incorporate the contents of the claims at a later date in order to file a divisional, presently, the Applicant is deleting claims 21, 24 and 25 in order to speed this application forward during its prosecution.

Except for claims 28 and 29, the claims were rejected by the Examiner either under § 102 or 103. Again, in order to speed the present application on during its prosecution, claims 1-21, 27 and 28 have been deleted and Applicant has included in independent claim 22 the limitations of claims 27 and 28. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 22 is now allowable as are all of the remaining dependent claims, as they all depend from an allowable independent claim.

With respect to paragraph 6, Applicant states that the subject matter of the various claims have always been commonly owned.

Applicant would like to note that a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed on August 17, 2005. This was after the date of the mailing of the first Office Action. However, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement also included a certification that the references were filed within three months of the communication from a foreign patent office. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement should be considered, and that the claims are allowable in light of these references also.

Finally, enclosed please find formal drawings for this application.

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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